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1. The proposed merger between CHANG T'aek-sang's Silla Hoe Group and the Outside Liberal Party had failed by early February.<sup>1</sup>
2. The primary reason for failure of the merger was YI Pöm-sök's threat to quit the Outside Liberal Party if CHANG were admitted to the party. The other reason was disagreement over the nomination of heads for the National Assembly sub-committees.
3. When the extent of YI's opposition to CHANG became known to the Silla Hoe Group, the latter group joined with the Democratic National Party to defeat the Outside Liberal Party in the National Assembly election of sub-committees.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED] this merger was part of the Outside Liberal Party's plan to win the ROK Assembly confirmation of PAEK Tu-chin as prime minister.

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